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Attention:

Laurie Duarte

Re:

New Blacklisting Regulations

Dear Ms. Duarte:

I believe this regulation needs to be repealed for the following reasons.

Current regulations allow contract denials for unethical or illegal practices with adequate penalties, all already determined by Congress. There is no need for an additional regulation.

The new regulation would allow denial of contracts for unproven allegations of violations. Any competitor or disgruntled employee could make false statements that could be considered and used to deny contracts.

Thank you,

Mary Sowards
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